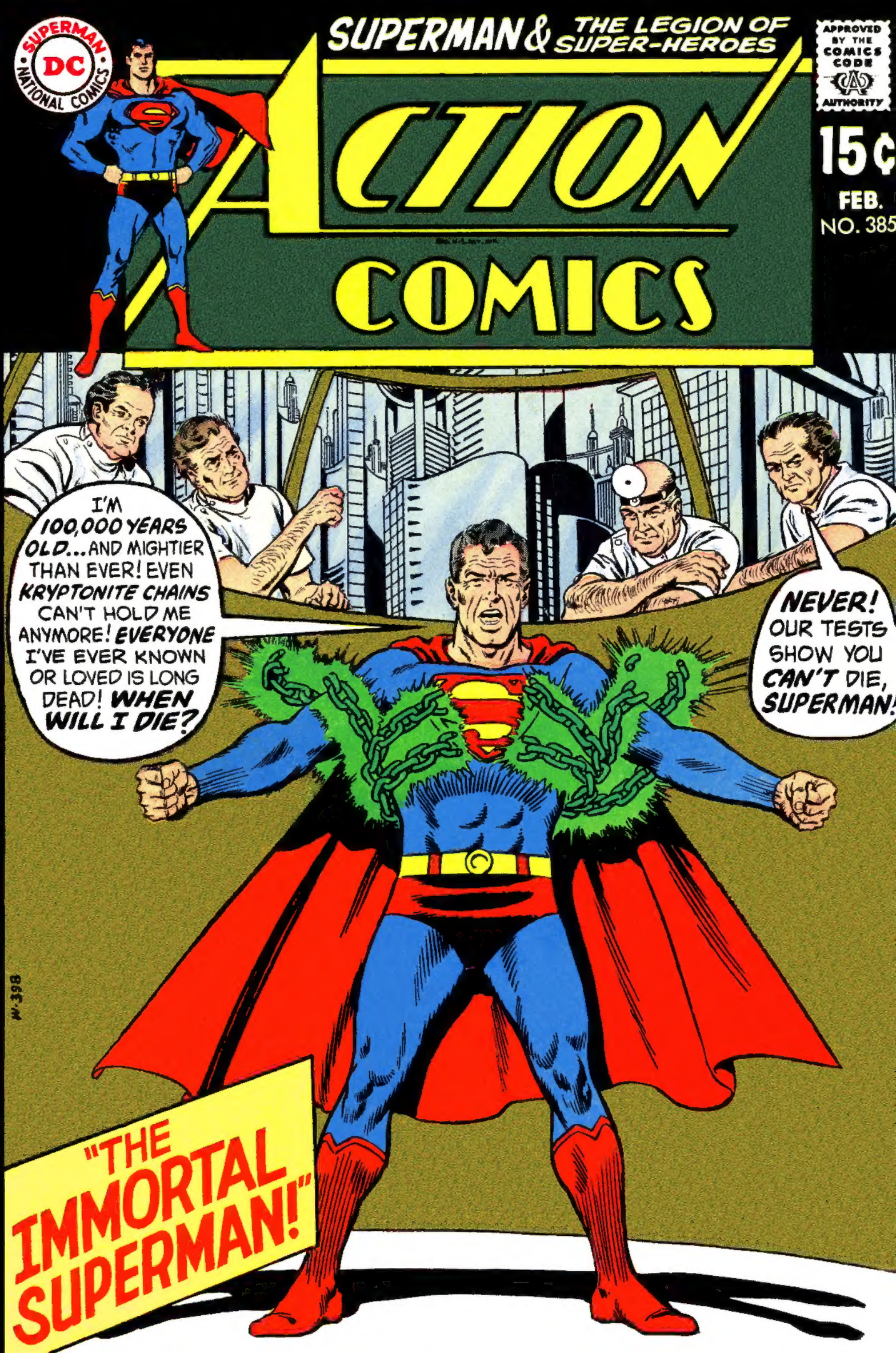
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SEE THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE 20th CENTURY The FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE NOW OVER 1,000 CENTURIES OLD! ADMISSION--38 DONNALS
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I'M OVER 100,000 YEARS OLD...STRANDED HERE IN THE YEAR 101,970 WITH NO HOPE OF EVER RETURNING TO MY OWN TIME-ERA!
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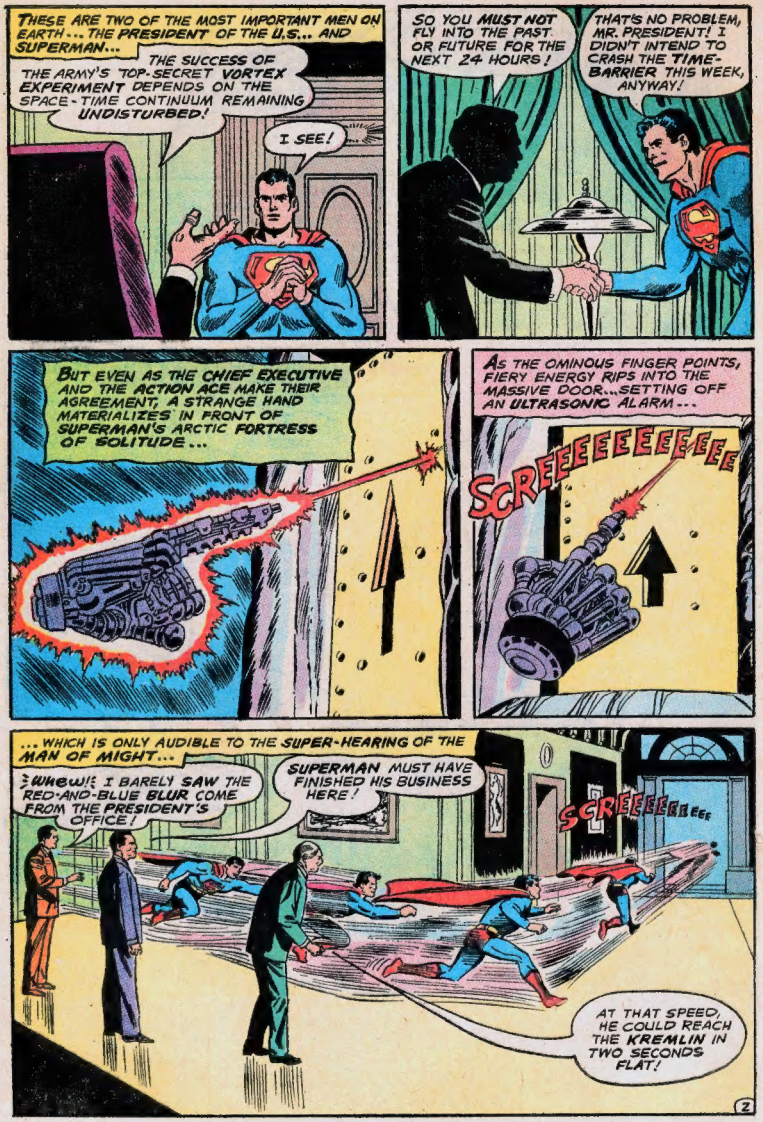
THESE ARE TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEN ON EARTH... THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S... AND SUPERMAN...
THE SUCCESS OF THE ARMY'S TOP-SECRET VORTEX EXPERIMENT DEPENDS ON THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM REMAINING UNDISTURBED!
I SEE!
SO YOU MUST NOT FLY INTO THE PAST OR FUTURE FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS!
THAT'S NO PROBLEM, MR. PRESIDENT! I DIDN'T INTEND TO CRASH THE TIME-BARRIER THIS WEEK, ANYWAY!
BUT EVEN AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE ACTION ACE MAKE THEIR AGREEMENT, A STRANGE HAND MATERIALIZES IN FRONT OF SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
AS THE OMINOUS FINGER POINTS, FIERY ENERGY RIPS INTO THE MASSIVE DOOR...SETTING OFF AN ULTRASONIC ALARM...
SCREEEEEEEEEEE
...WHICH IS ONLY AUDIBLE TO THE SUPER-HEARING OF THE MAN OF MIGHT...
WHEW!! I BARELY SAW THE RED-AND-BLUE BLUR COME FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE!
SUPERMAN MUST HAVE FINISHED HIS BUSINESS HERE!
SCREEEEEEEEE
AT THAT SPEED, HE COULD REACH THE KREMLIN IN TWO SECONDS FLAT!
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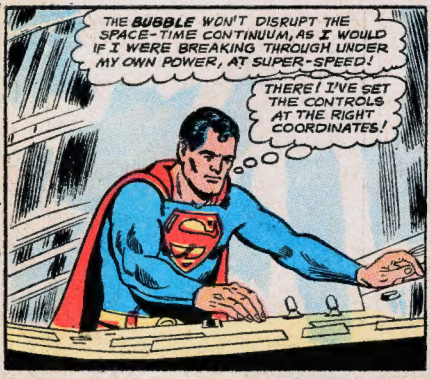
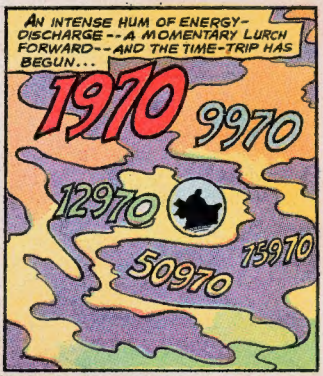
I WIRED THAT EMERGENCY-SIGNAL SYSTEM TO GO OFF IF THE SLIGHTEST PRESSURE WERE APPLIED TO THE FORTRESS DOOR! IT COULD BE AN INTRUDER!
AN INTRUDER? NO! BUT SUPERMAN IS FAR FROM RELIEVED UPON REACHING HIS SECRET SANCTUARY!..
GREAT KRYPTON! WHAT A TERRIBLE TIME FOR THIS TO HAPPEN! WHEN I JUST GAVE THE PRESIDENT MY WORD...
THE MESSAGE IS NO HOAX! MY MICROSCOPIC VISION VERIFIES THAT ROBOT-HAND IS OF A METAL ALLOY NOT YET DISCOVERED!
AND THOSE FIRE-LETTERS ARE 50 TIMES HOTTER THAN ANYTHING ON EARTH IN 1970!
SUPERMAN YOUR HELP URGENTLY NEEDED IN YEAR 101,970
COORDINATES X78-5437-20
I MUSTN'T DISTURB THE ARMY'S TOP-PRIORITY EXPERIMENT... YET I CAN'T SIMPLY IGNORE THIS PLEA FOR HELP FROM THE FAR FUTURE!
WAIT! I THINK THERE'S A SOLUTION-- INSIDE THE FORTRESS!
SOME MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES FROM THE 30TH CENTURY HAD TO SCRAP THIS DAMAGED TIME-BUBBLE THE LAST TIME THEY PAID ME A VISIT! I WOULDN'T TAKE A CHANCE WITH IT NORMALLY-- BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
OPERABLE BUT DEFECTIVE-- SHOULD NOT BE USED!


THE BUBBLE WON'T DISRUPT THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM, AS I WOULD IF I WERE BREAKING THROUGH UNDER MY OWN POWER, AT SUPER-SPEED!
THERE! I'VE SET THE CONTROLS AT THE RIGHT COORDINATES!


AN INTENSE HUM OF ENERGY-DISCHARGE--A MOMENTARY LURCH FORWARD--AND THE TIME-TRIP HAS BEGUN...
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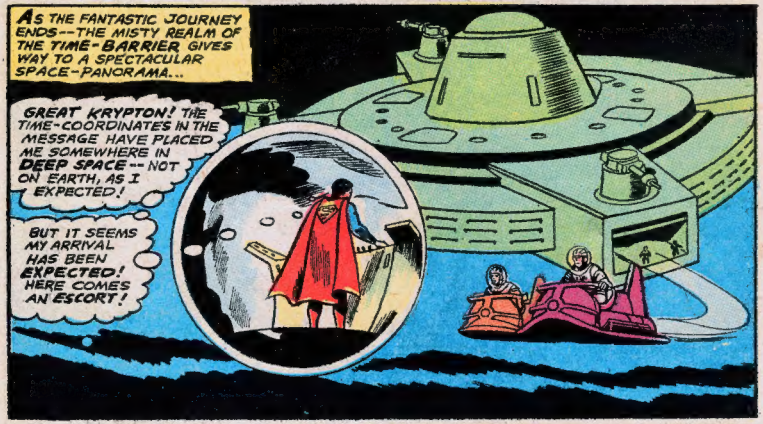
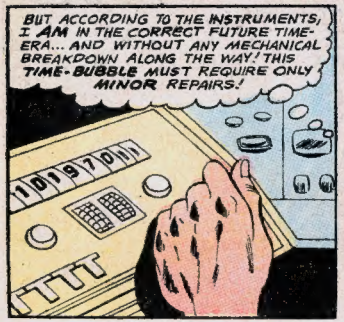
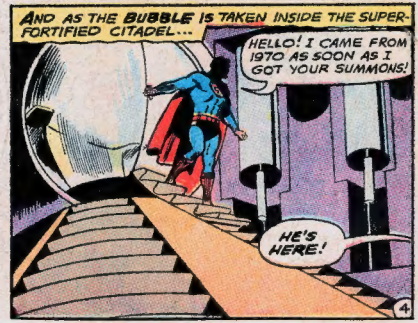

AS THE FANTASTIC JOURNEY ENDS--THE MISTY REALM OF THE TIME-BARRIER GIVES WAY TO A SPECTACULAR SPACE-PANORAMA...
GREAT KRYPTON! THE TIME-COORDINATES IN THE MESSAGE HAVE PLACED ME SOMEWHERE IN DEEP SPACE--NOT ON EARTH, AS I EXPECTED!
BUT IT SEEMS MY ARRIVAL HAS BEEN EXPECTED! HERE COMES AN ESCORT!


BUT ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUMENTS, I AM IN THE CORRECT FUTURE TIME-ERA... AND WITHOUT ANY MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN ALONG THE WAY! THIS TIME-BUBBLE MUST REQUIRE ONLY MINOR REPAIRS!


AND AS THE BUBBLE IS TAKEN INSIDE THE SUPER-FORTIFIED CITADEL...
HELLO! I CAME FROM 1970 AS SOON AS I GOT YOUR SUMMONS!
HE'S HERE!

WORLDS OF ANTARES! THAT CAN'T BE SUPERMAN!
BUT IT IS, SIR! THE CEREBRAL-MICORDER HAS PICKED UP THE SUPER-THOUGHT WAVES ONLY HE COULD EMIT!
A MOMENT LATER, SUPERMAN DISCOVERS THE HORRENDOUS TRUTH FOR HIMSELF...
MY FACE--IT FEELS LEATHERY ...WITHERED...FURROWED WITH A THOUSAND WRINKLES!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?
A CRUEL REFLECTION ANSWERS THE MAN OF MIGHT'S QUESTION...
GREAT KRYPTON! NOW I KNOW THE TIME-BUBBLE'S DEFECT! WHILE TRANSPORTING ME TO THE FUTURE--IT CAUSED ME TO AGE EVERY YEAR ALONG THE WAY! I'M OVER 100,000 YEARS OLD!
WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT YOUR HYPER-AGING, SUPERMAN...
BUT WE PRAY YOU STILL HAVE ALL YOUR POWERS... OR WE'VE SUMMONED YOU TO THE 1,020TH CENTURY FOR NOTHING!
ONE WAY TO FIND OUT--
WE'RE WAY AHEAD OF YOU! THIS IS THE STRENGTH-DEFIER! THOSE ULTRA-RIGID BARS ARE HELD IN PLACE BY COSMA-MAGNETISM, THE MIGHTIEST FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE!
IF YOU CAN PULL THEM APART --YOU'RE THE SUPERMAN YOU ALWAYS WERE!

A MERE EXERTION OF POWERFUL MUSCLES PROVES THE AGED MAN OF MIGHT IS STILL THE SUPER-STRENGTH CHAMP OF ALL TIME...

HE DID IT!

SOON AFTERWARD...

THIS IS THE AUTON-VAULT-DOOR-- THE SINGLE ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO OUR VAST MONETARY-RESERVE CHAMBER!

IT'S ALWAYS PRE-SET TO OPEN FOR 10 MINUTES-- EVERY 12 HOURS! BUT ONCE SHUT, NOTHING CAN GET IN OR OUT!

TOR-TOKENS FROM PLANET FOZR

NO WONDER THIS CITADEL IS SO WELL PROTECTED! I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF MONEY AT ONE TIME!

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DISC-CURRENCY FROM SCORRM

GRID-COINS FROM LOXIU

BUT FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS, TONS OF CURRENCY HAVE BEEN STOLEN DURING THE DAILY 12-HOUR PERIOD THE RESERVE CHAMBER IS LOCKED UP!

HOW COULD ANYTHING BE SMUGGLED OUT? THIS ROOM LOOKS IMPENETRABLE!

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IT IS! EVEN IF SOMEONE COULD CUT THROUGH THE SUPER-REINFORCED WALLS, HE'D BE INSTANTLY WIPED OUT BY THAT PULSATO-ENERGI FENCE, WHICH DISSOLVES ANYTHING COMING WITHIN TWO FEET OF IT!

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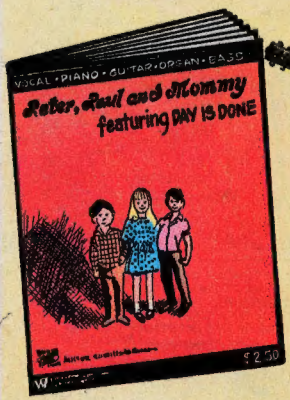

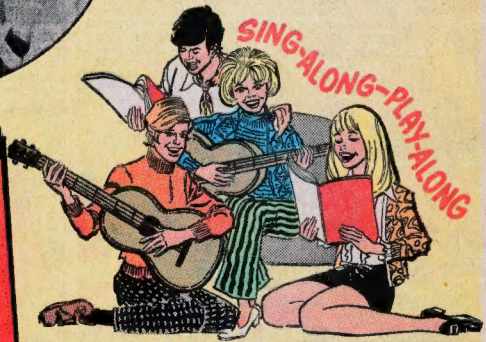

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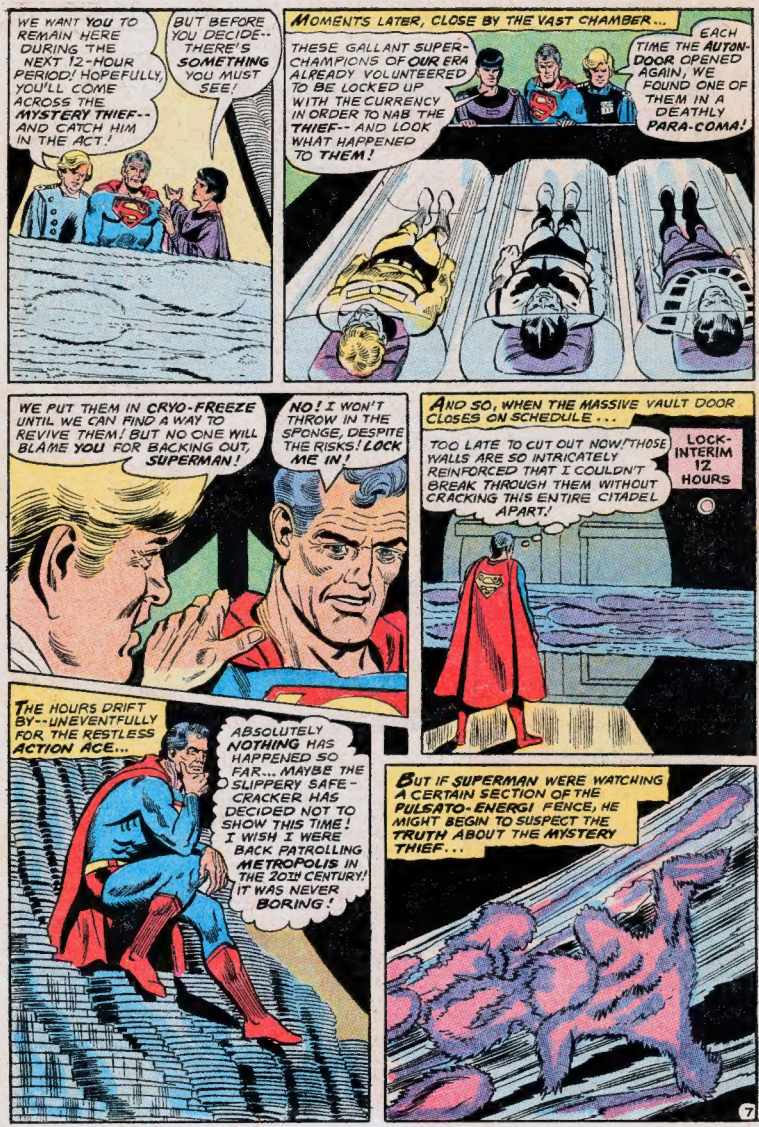
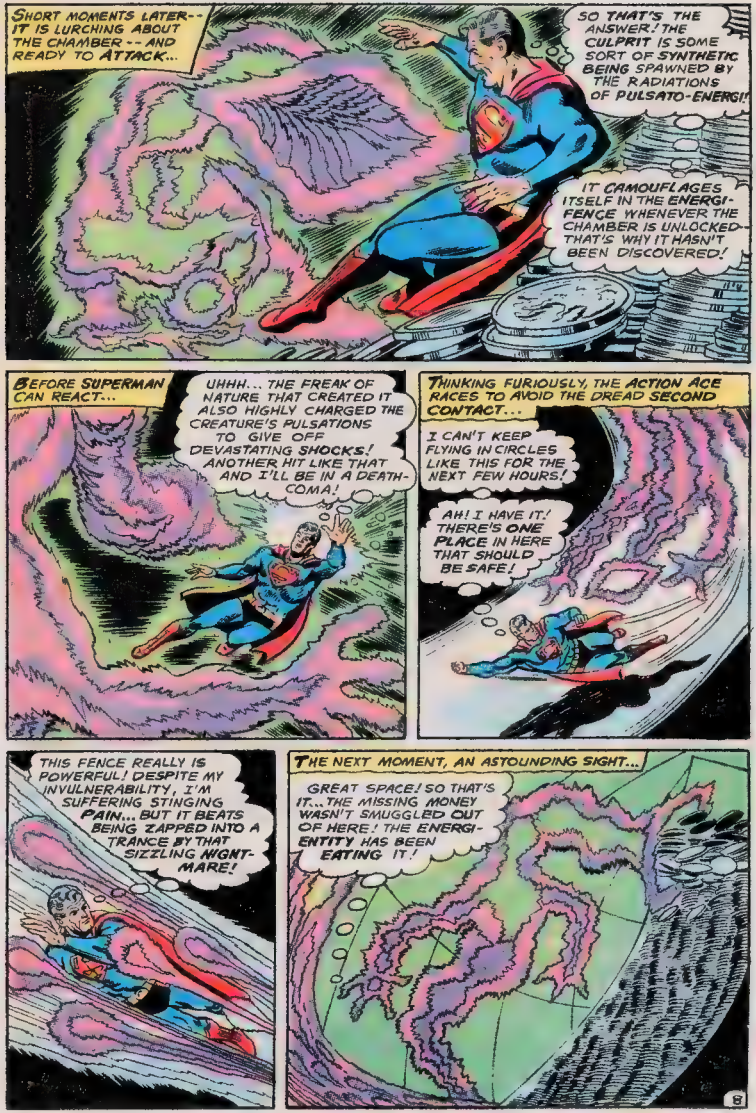
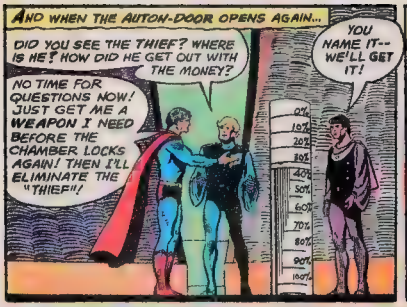

WE WANT YOU TO REMAIN HERE DURING THE NEXT 12-HOUR PERIOD! HOPEFULLY, YOU'LL COME ACROSS THE MYSTERY THIEF--AND CATCH HIM IN THE ACT!
BUT BEFORE YOU DECIDE--THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MUST SEE!
MOMENTS LATER, CLOSE BY THE VAST CHAMBER...
THESE GALLANT SUPER-CHAMPIONS OF OUR ERA ALREADY VOLUNTEERED TO BE LOCKED UP WITH THE CURRENCY IN ORDER TO NAB THE THIEF--AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM!
EACH TIME THE AUTON-DOOR OPENED AGAIN, WE FOUND ONE OF THEM IN A DEATHLY PARA-COMA!
WE PUT THEM IN CRYO-FREEZE UNTIL WE CAN FIND A WAY TO REVIVE THEM! BUT NO ONE WILL BLAME YOU FOR BACKING OUT, SUPERMAN!
NO! I WON'T THROW IN THE SPONGE, DESPITE THE RISKS! LOCK ME IN!
AND SO, WHEN THE MASSIVE VAULT DOOR CLOSES ON SCHEDULE...
TOO LATE TO CUT OUT NOW! THOSE WALLS ARE SO INTRICATELY REINFORCED THAT I COULDN'T BREAK THROUGH THEM WITHOUT CRACKING THIS ENTIRE CITADEL APART!
LOCK-INTERIM 12 HOURS
THE HOURS DRIFT BY--UNEVENTFULLY FOR THE RESTLESS ACTION ACE...
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SO FAR... MAYBE THE SLIPPERY SAFE-CRACKER HAS DECIDED NOT TO SHOW THIS TIME! I WISH I WERE BACK PATROLLING METROPOLIS IN THE 20TH CENTURY! IT WAS NEVER BORING!
BUT IF SUPERMAN WERE WATCHING A CERTAIN SECTION OF THE PULSATO-ENERGI FENCE, HE MIGHT BEGIN TO SUSPECT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MYSTERY THIEF...


SHORT MOMENTS LATER--IT IS LURCHING ABOUT THE CHAMBER--AND READY TO ATTACK...
SO THAT'S THE ANSWER! THE CULPRIT IS SOME SORT OF SYNTHETIC BEING SPAWNED BY THE RADIATIONS OF PULSATO-ENERGI!
IT CAMOUFLAGES ITSELF IN THE ENERGI-FENCE WHENEVER THE CHAMBER IS UNLOCKED--THAT'S WHY IT HASN'T BEEN DISCOVERED!
BEFORE SUPERMAN CAN REACT...
UHHH... THE FREAK OF NATURE THAT CREATED IT ALSO HIGHLY CHARGED THE CREATURE'S PULSATIONS TO GIVE OFF DEVASTATING SHOCKS! ANOTHER HIT LIKE THAT AND I'LL BE IN A DEATH-COMA!
THINKING FURIOUSLY, THE ACTION ACE RACES TO AVOID THE DREAD SECOND CONTACT...
I CAN'T KEEP FLYING IN CIRCLES LIKE THIS FOR THE NEXT FEW HOURS!
AH! I HAVE IT! THERE'S ONE PLACE IN HERE THAT SHOULD BE SAFE!
THIS FENCE REALLY IS POWERFUL! DESPITE MY INVULNERABILITY, I'M SUFFERING STINGING PAIN... BUT IT BEATS BEING ZAPPED INTO A TRANCE BY THAT SIZZLING NIGHT-MARE!
THE NEXT MOMENT, AN ASTOUNDING SIGHT...
GREAT SPACE! SO THAT'S IT... THE MISSING MONEY WASN'T SMUGGLED OUT OF HERE! THE ENERGI-ENTITY HAS BEEN EATING IT!


AND WHEN THE AUTON-DOOR OPENS AGAIN...
DID YOU SEE THE THIEF? WHERE IS HE? HOW DID HE GET OUT WITH THE MONEY?
YOU NAME IT-- WE'LL GET IT!
NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS NOW! JUST GET ME A WEAPON I NEED BEFORE THE CHAMBER LOCKS AGAIN! THEN I'LL ELIMINATE THE "THIEF"!
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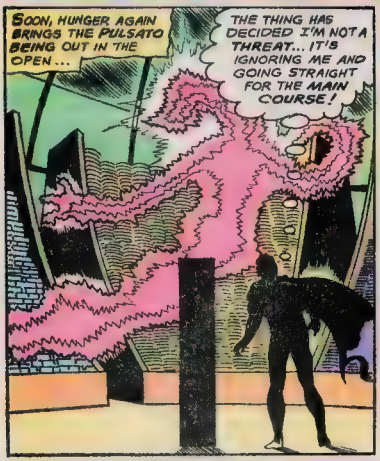
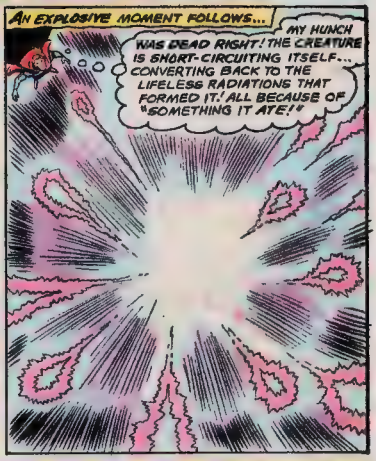
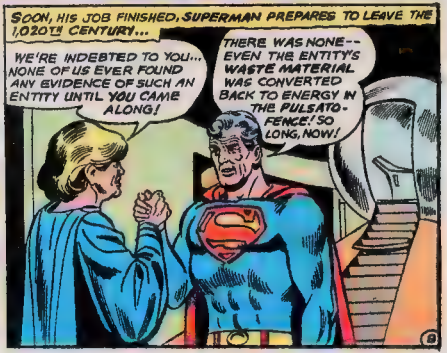
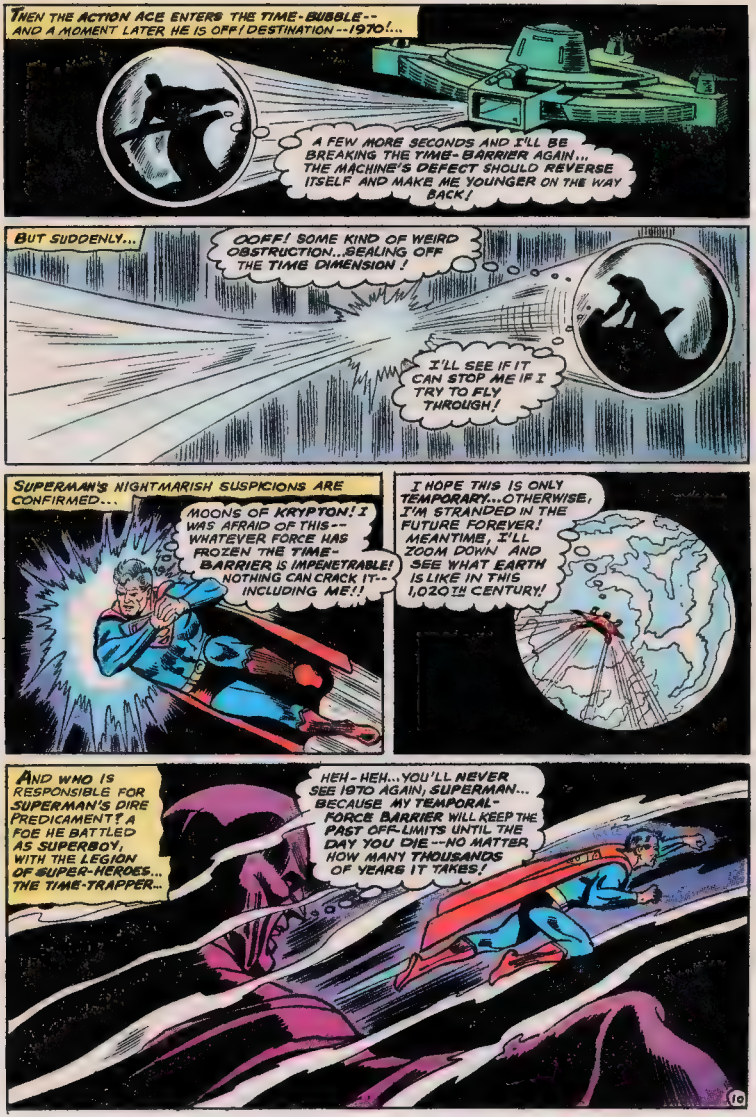
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, THE MAN OF MIGHT IS CLOSED IN THE GIGANTIC VAULT ONCE MORE...
THE OFFICERS THINK I'VE FLIPPED -- THE "WEAPON" I ASKED FOR IS A SIMPLE PAINT-ATOMIZER!
BUT I MADE SURE TO WATCH EXACTLY WHICH STACKS OF CURRENCY THE ENTITY ATE FROM... AND I THINK I'VE PINPOINTED ITS WEAKNESS!


SOON, HUNGER AGAIN BRINGS THE PULSATO BEING OUT IN THE OPEN...
THE THING HAS DECIDED I'M NOT A THREAT... IT'S IGNORING ME AND GOING STRAIGHT FOR THE MAIN COURSE!


AN EXPLOSIVE MOMENT FOLLOWS...
MY HUNCH WAS DEAD RIGHT! THE CREATURE IS SHORT-CIRCUITING ITSELF... CONVERTING BACK TO THE LIFELESS RADIATIONS THAT FORMED IT! ALL BECAUSE OF "SOMETHING IT ATE!"

I NOTICED IT CONSUMED ONLY CURRENCY THAT WAS RED, YELLOW, OR ORANGE-- THE WARM PIGMENTS OF THE COLOR SPECTRUM! I GUESSED THAT BY TRICKING IT INTO EATING BLUE MONEY-- ONE OF THE COOL COLORS -- I'D "POISON" THE THING! SO I SPRAYED YELLOW PAINT ON SEVERAL TYPES OF BLUE COINS!


SOON, HIS JOB FINISHED, SUPERMAN PREPARES TO LEAVE THE 1,020TH CENTURY...
WE'RE INDEBTED TO YOU... NONE OF US EVER FOUND ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH AN ENTITY UNTIL YOU CAME ALONG!
THERE WAS NONE-- EVEN THE ENTITY'S WASTE MATERIAL WAS CONVERTED BACK TO ENERGY IN THE PULSATO-FENCE! SO LONG, NOW!


THEN THE ACTION ACE ENTERS THE TIME-BUBBLE--AND A MOMENT LATER HE IS OFF DESTINATION--1970!...
A FEW MORE SECONDS AND I'LL BE BREAKING THE TIME-BARRIER AGAIN... THE MACHINE'S DEFECT SHOULD REVERSE ITSELF AND MAKE ME YOUNGER ON THE WAY BACK!
BUT SUDDENLY...
OOFF! SOME KIND OF WEIRD OBSTRUCTION...SEALING OFF THE TIME DIMENSION!
I'LL SEE IF IT CAN STOP ME IF I TRY TO FLY THROUGH!
SUPERMAN'S NIGHTMARISH SUSPICIONS ARE CONFIRMED...
MOONS OF KRYPTON! I WAS AFRAID OF THIS--WHATEVER FORCE HAS FROZEN THE TIME-BARRIER IS IMPENETRABLE! NOTHING CAN CRACK IT--INCLUDING ME!!
I HOPE THIS IS ONLY TEMPORARY...OTHERWISE, I'M STRANDED IN THE FUTURE FOREVER! MEANTIME, I'LL ZOOM DOWN AND SEE WHAT EARTH IS LIKE IN THIS 1,020TH CENTURY!
AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERMAN'S DIRE PREDICAMENT? A FOE HE BATTLED AS SUPERBOY, WITH THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES... THE TIME-TRAPPER...
HEH-HEH...YOU'LL NEVER SEE 1970 AGAIN, SUPERMAN... BECAUSE MY TEMPORAL-FORCE BARRIER WILL KEEP THE PAST OFF-LIMITS UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE--NO MATTER HOW MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS IT TAKES!
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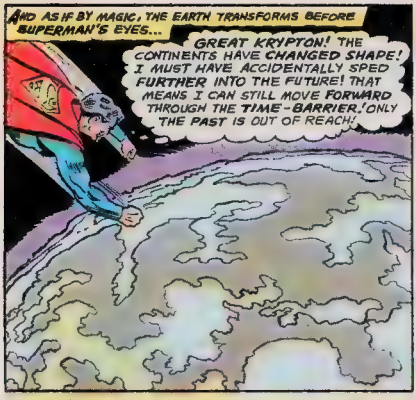
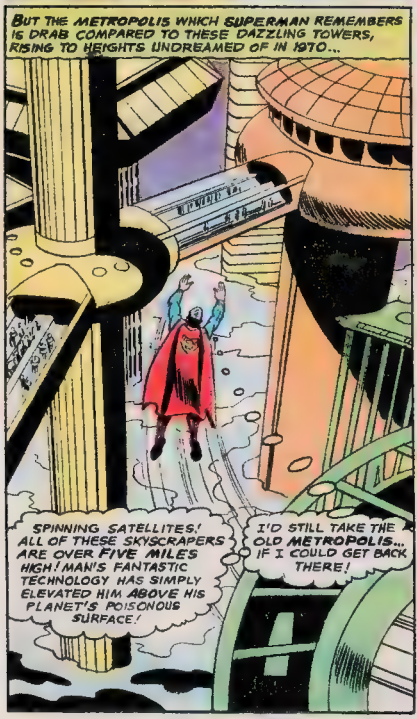
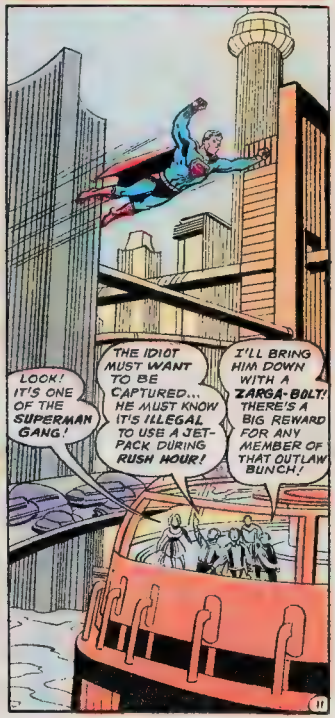
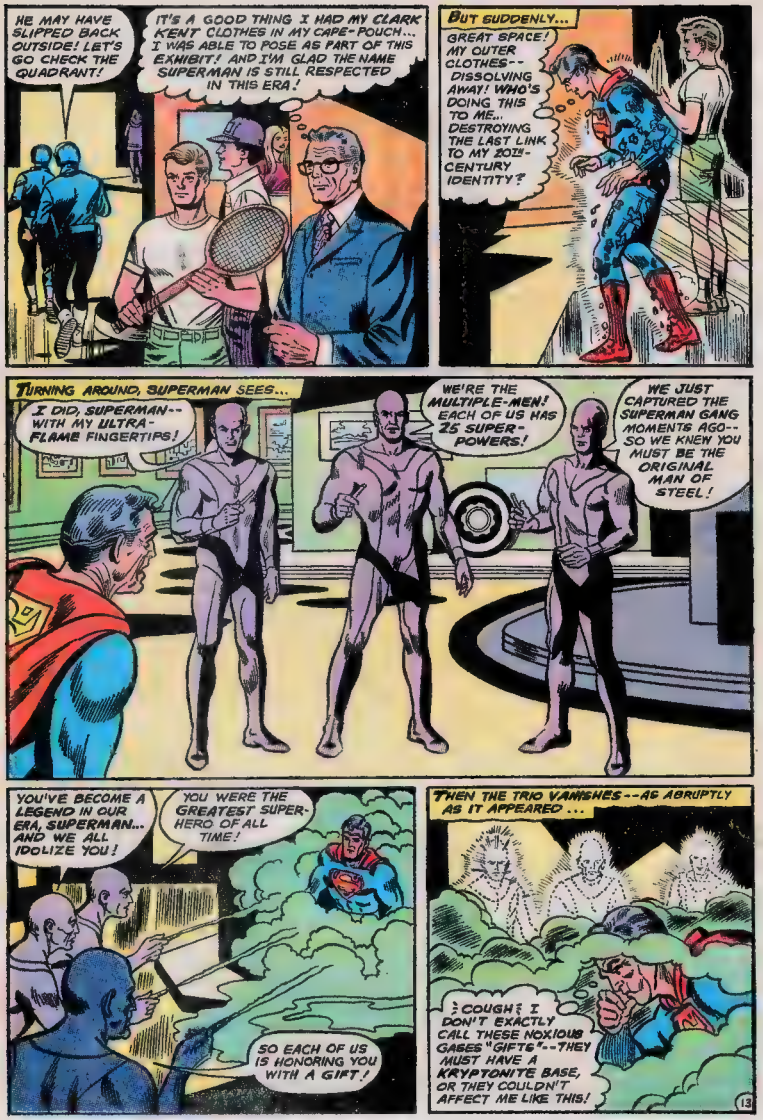

AND AS IF BY MAGIC, THE EARTH TRANSFORMS BEFORE SUPERMAN'S EYES...
GREAT KRYPTON! THE CONTINENTS HAVE CHANGED SHAPE! I MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY SPED FURTHER INTO THE FUTURE! THAT MEANS I CAN STILL MOVE FORWARD THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER, ONLY THE PAST IS OUT OF REACH!

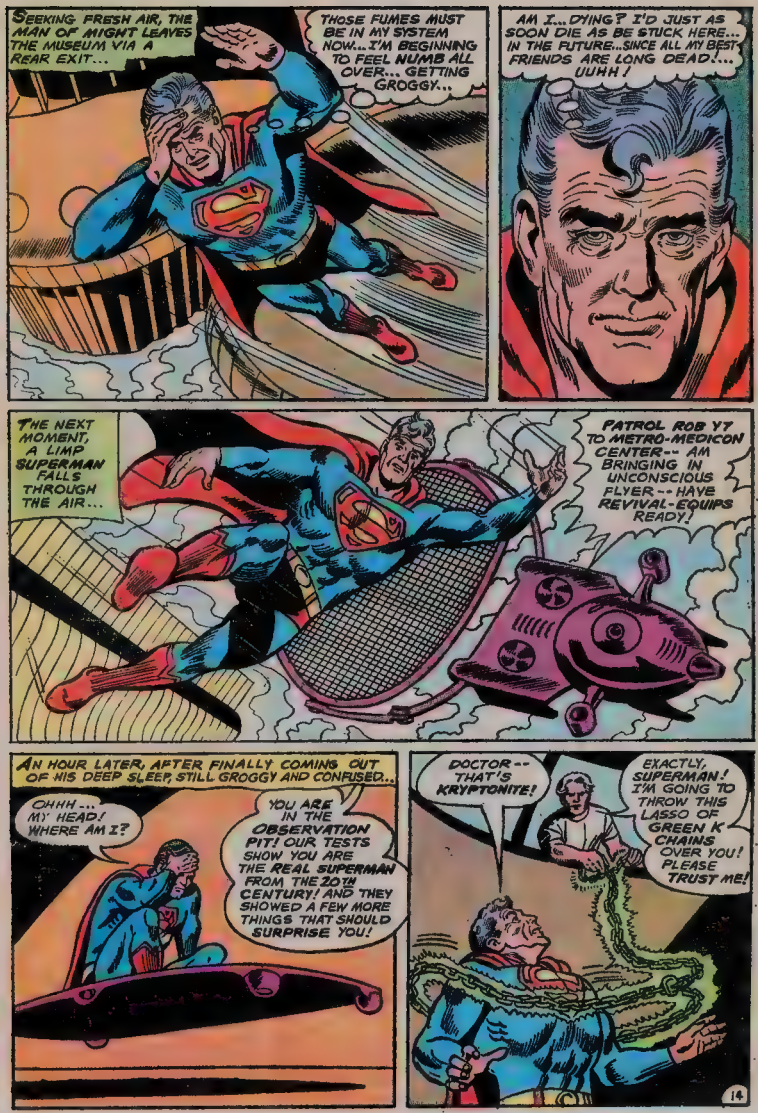
SUCH AN ADVANCED TIME ERA HAS TERRIBLE SURPRISES...
SO THIS IS EARTH'S FATE -- VAST DEPOSITS OF ATOMIC FALLOUT OVER THE CENTURIES HAVE CONTAMINATED THE GROUND AND THE FIRST FEW HUNDRED FEET OF AIR WITH A RADIOACTIVE MIST!
THAT CITY AHEAD MUST BE METROPOLIS!


BUT THE METROPOLIS WHICH SUPERMAN REMEMBERS IS DRAB COMPARED TO THESE DAZZLING TOWERS, RISING TO HEIGHTS UNDREAMED OF IN 1970...
SPINNING SATELLITES! ALL OF THESE SKYSCRAPERS ARE OVER FIVE MILES HIGH! MAN'S FANTASTIC TECHNOLOGY HAS SIMPLY ELEVATED HIM ABOVE HIS PLANET'S POISONOUS SURFACE!
I'D STILL TAKE THE OLD METROPOLIS... IF I COULD GET BACK THERE!


LOOK! IT'S ONE OF THE SUPERMAN GANG!
THE IDIOT MUST WANT TO BE CAPTURED... HE MUST KNOW IT'S ILLEGAL TO USE A JET-PACK DURING RUSH HOUR!
I'LL BRING HIM DOWN WITH A ZARGA-BOLT! THERE'S A BIG REWARD FOR ANY MEMBER OF THAT OUTLAW BUNCH!

AS SEVERAL ARMED CITIZENS OPEN FIRE...
THOSE BOLTS PROBABLY WOULDN'T HURT ME... BUT I'M TAKING NO CHANCES IN A TIME ERA I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT! I'LL HIDE SOMEWHERE UNTIL I CAN FIGURE OUT WHY EVERYONE'S OUT TO GET ME!
NOW I UNDERSTAND! THOSE FUTURE CRIMINALS HAVE PATTERNED THEIR OUTFITS AFTER MY UNIFORM! MY PURSUERS THINK I'M A GANG MEMBER!
WANTED
RIMOL 5
VONN 1
LAKIM 32
NOTORIOUS LAW-BREAKERS!
THERE IT IS... THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE!
SCANT MOMENTS LATER...
I'M SURE HE FLEW IN HERE! I SAW HIM!
THEN WE HAVE THE SCOUNDREL!
METRO-MUSEUM OF ANCIENT HISTORY
BUT THE LAW-ENFORCERS SOON CHANGE THEIR TUNE...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! WE SEARCHED EVERY EXHIBIT-LEVEL--AND THERE'S NO TRACE OF HIM!
HE AND HIS BUDDIES SHOULD BE PSYCHO-PARALYZED FOR DISGRACING THE HONORED SUPERMAN UNIFORM!


HE MAY HAVE SLIPPED BACK OUTSIDE! LET'S GO CHECK THE QUADRANT!
IT'S A GOOD THING I HAD MY CLARK KENT CLOTHES IN MY CAPE-POUCH... I WAS ABLE TO POSE AS PART OF THIS EXHIBIT! AND I'M GLAD THE NAME SUPERMAN IS STILL RESPECTED IN THIS ERA!
BUT SUDDENLY...
GREAT SPACE! MY OUTER CLOTHES-- DISSOLVING AWAY! WHO'S DOING THIS TO ME... DESTROYING THE LAST LINK TO MY 20TH-CENTURY IDENTITY?
TURNING AROUND, SUPERMAN SEES...
I DID, SUPERMAN-- WITH MY ULTRA-FLAME FINGERTIPS!
WE'RE THE MULTIPLE-MEN! EACH OF US HAS 25 SUPER-POWERS!
WE JUST CAPTURED THE SUPERMAN GANG MOMENTS AGO-- SO WE KNEW YOU MUST BE THE ORIGINAL MAN OF STEEL!
YOU'VE BECOME A LEGEND IN OUR ERA, SUPERMAN... AND WE ALL IDOLIZE YOU!
YOU WERE THE GREATEST SUPER-HERO OF ALL TIME!
SO EACH OF US IS HONORING YOU WITH A GIFT!
THEN THE TRIO VANISHES--AS ABRUPTLY AS IT APPEARED...
;COUGH; I DON'T EXACTLY CALL THESE NOXIOUS GASES "GIFTS"--THEY MUST HAVE A KRYPTONITE BASE, OR THEY COULDN'T AFFECT ME LIKE THIS!


SEEKING FRESH AIR, THE MAN OF MIGHT LEAVES THE MUSEUM VIA A REAR EXIT...
THOSE FUMES MUST BE IN MY SYSTEM NOW...I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL NUMB ALL OVER... GETTING GROGGY...
AM I...DYING? I'D JUST AS SOON DIE AS BE STUCK HERE... IN THE FUTURE...SINCE ALL MY BEST FRIENDS ARE LONG DEAD!... UUHH!
THE NEXT MOMENT, A LIMP SUPERMAN FALLS THROUGH THE AIR...
PATROL ROB YY TO METRO-MEDICON CENTER-- AM BRINGING IN UNCONSCIOUS FLYER -- HAVE REVIVAL-EQUIPS READY!
AN HOUR LATER, AFTER FINALLY COMING OUT OF HIS DEEP SLEEP, STILL GROGGY AND CONFUSED...
OHHH... MY HEAD! WHERE AM I?
YOU ARE IN THE OBSERVATION PIT! OUR TESTS SHOW YOU ARE THE REAL SUPERMAN FROM THE 20TH CENTURY! AND THEY SHOWED A FEW MORE THINGS THAT SHOULD SURPRISE YOU!
DOCTOR -- THAT'S KRYPTONITE!
EXACTLY, SUPERMAN! I'M GOING TO THROW THIS LASSO OF GREEN K CHAINS OVER YOU! PLEASE TRUST ME!

AND THE ACTION ACE SUDDENLY FINDS HIMSELF BOUND BY THE DEADLY STUFF THAT IS POISON TO HIM--OR USED TO BE...
GREAT METEORS! I BROKE THE KRYPTONITE CHAINS WITH EASE... AND NOT A TWINGE OF PAIN! I MUST BE IMMUNE TO GREEN K NOW!
THAT'S NOT ALL! RELEASE THE WITCH DOG FROM THE MYSTICAL PLANET TOZZ!
THOSE MALEVOLENT SPELLS SHE'S CASTING AT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DRIVE ANY MAN INSANE WITH HORROR--EVEN YOU, SUPERMAN! BUT NOW YOU'RE IMPERVIOUS TO ALL FORMS OF MAGIC!
THEN THE EVIL CREATURE IS REMOVED--BUT REPLACED BY THE DEADLIEST THREAT OF ALL...
NO--NOT THAT! IT'S A DREADED VIRUS-X CULTURE FROM MY HOME PLANET, KRYPTON! THE DISEASE IS ALWAYS FATAL!
FOR OTHERS, YES! BUT THE VIRUS CAN NEVER HARM YOU AGAIN, BECAUSE YOU ARE MORE SUPER THAN IT IS... YOU WOULD EVEN HAVE YOUR POWERS UNDER A RED SUN!
YOU PASSED OUT BECAUSE YOUR SUPER-METABOLISM WAS ADAPTING TO THE THREE NEW IMMUNITIES YOU'VE GAINED!
SO THE GIFTS OF THE MULTIPLE MEN WERE VACCINE GASES THAT HAVE IMMUNIZED ME AGAINST MY ONLY WEAKNESSES!
THIS MEANS I CAN NEVER DIE...NO FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE CAN HARM ME! MY FRIENDS...LOIS, JIMMY, PERRY, LANA, BATMAN...ALL DEAD AGES AGO! BUT I CAN'T DIE! I'LL LIVE FOREVER...AND I CAN NEVER...GO...HOME!
SO THE AGED MAN OF STEEL IS STRANDED IN THE FUTURE...IMMUNE TO INJURY, DISEASE AND DEATH... BUT NOT TO LONELINESS AND HEARTACHE! FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF SUPERMAN'S TIME-ODYSSEY, GET THE MARCH ISSUE OF ACTION!
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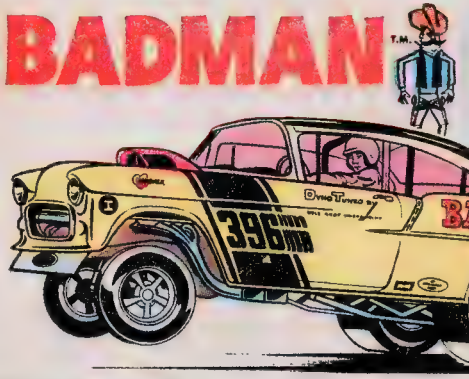
BADMAN T.M.



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"The FALLEN STARBOY!"

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ONE DAY IN THE 30TH CENTURY, AS THOM (STAR BOY) KALLOR REPORTS TO THE LEGION COMMUNICATIONS CENTER...

PLANET XANTHU CALLING! WE NEED THE LEGION'S HELP TO HALT A CRIMINAL GANG!

I'LL SEND A TEAM OUT AT ONCE!

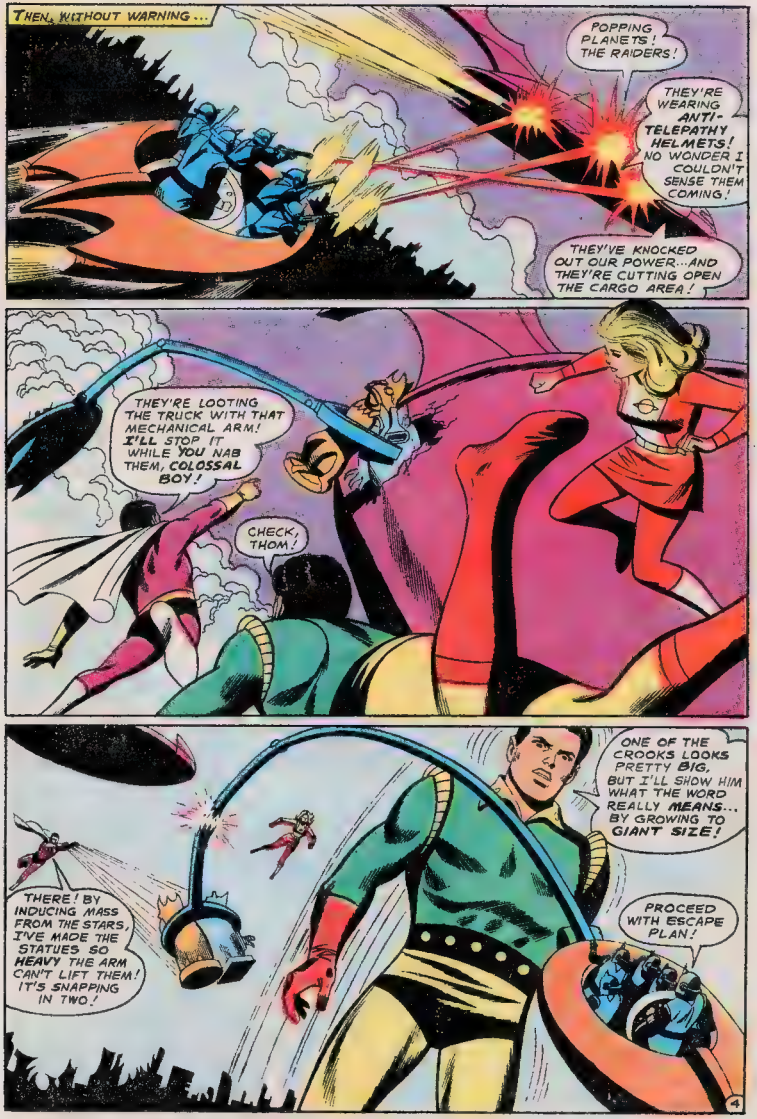
XANTHU?

XANTHU IS MY HOME WORLD! I WANT THAT MISSION, KARATE KID!

IT'S YOUR BABY, STAR BOY! AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW THE TERRAIN!

BUT REMEMBER THE LEGION RULES...NO ONE-MAN MISSIONS! HERE COMES THE NEW SHIFT! COLOSSAL BOY AND SATURN GIRL... YOU'LL GO WITH STAR BOY!
WITH STAR BOY?
YES, DREAM GIRL! THERE'S AN EMERGENCY ON MY HOME WORLD! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE OUR DATE TONIGHT!
I'M GLAD MY POWER OF PROPHECY DOESN'T TELL ME EVERY FUTURE EVENT! IF I'D FORESEEN THIS, I'D HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED THAT MUCH SOONER!
A SWIFT JOURNEY IN A HYPER-DRIVE SHIP SOON BRINGS THE LEGION TEAM TO XANTHU...
THERE IT IS... THE PLANET WHERE I GREW UP! IT'LL BE SWELL TO SEE MY FOLKS AGAIN!
DON'T FORGET, THOM, WE'RE HERE ON BUSINESS! IT'S NOT INTERSTELLAR REUNION WEEK!
AT THE SPACEPORT, THEY ARE MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE...
GREETINGS, STAR BOY! I'M GLAD YOU CAME! THIS MAY BE A PROBLEM THAT WILL EVEN TAX THE LEGION'S ABILITIES!
WE'LL GIVE IT ALL WE HAVE, SIR! WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
IN XANTHU'S POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
IT'S A GANG THAT STRIKES AT SHIPMENTS OF VALUABLE MATERIALS-- AND ALWAYS SEEMS TO KNOW OUR PLANS! WHEN WE SENT A PLATINUM SHIPMENT BY SANDSLED ACROSS THE DESERT OF DEATH, THEY WERE WAITING, IN REFRIGERATED SUITS!
AND WHEN WE SENT AURORA GEMS IN A NEW PROTON-DRIVE SUB-SEA CRUISER, THE THIEVES WERE THERE IN GILL-SUITS, WITH MOLECULAR GLUE-GUNS TO CLOG THE ENGINES!

ARE THERE ANY VALUABLES BEING SHIPPED TODAY?
YES...SOME ARCHEOLOGICAL TREASURES ARE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM A DIG TO THE XAN CITY MUSEUM! WE HAD PLANNED TO TRY AN UNDER-GROUND ROUTE!
BETTER CHANGE IT! A TUNNEL WOULD CRAMP MY STYLE! I NEED ROOM TO USE MY SUPER-GROWTH POWER!
CHECK! BESIDES, THE CROOKS WILL EXPECT A LONG DETOUR! SO WE'LL DO THE LAST THING THEY'D LOOK FOR AND TAKE A DIRECT ROUTE!
SHORTLY, AT A NEWLY UNEARTHED CITY OF ANCIENT XANTHU...
THESE STATUES ARE ALL MADE OF PRECIOUS METALS. THEY SHOULD BE THE RIGHT BAIT TO DRAW OUT THE THIEVES.
AND I'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH THEIR THOUGHTS WITH MY TELEPATHIC POWERS, BEFORE THEY STRIKE!
AN HOUR LATER, AS THE AIR-TRUCK FLIES THROUGH XAN CITY...
HAVE YOU MONITORED ANY SUSPICIOUS THOUGHTS, SATURN GIRL?
WELL, SO FAR, NOT A SIGN OF THE PIRATIC PUZZLERS!
NOT A ONE, COLOSSAL BOY! I'M AFRAID THE HI-JACKERS WON'T SHOW! MAYBE WE OUTWITTED THEM!
THEY HAVEN'T STRUCK AT EVERY SHIPMENT! IT MAY TAKE A COUPLE MORE TRIES TO SMOKE 'EM OUT!


THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...
POPPING PLANETS! THE RAIDERS!
THEY'RE WEARING ANTI-TELEPATHY HELMETS! NO WONDER I COULDN'T SENSE THEM COMING!
THEY'VE KNOCKED OUT OUR POWER...AND THEY'RE CUTTING OPEN THE CARGO AREA!
THEY'RE LOOTING THE TRUCK WITH THAT MECHANICAL ARM! I'LL STOP IT WHILE YOU NAB THEM, COLOSSAL BOY!
CHECK, THOM!
ONE OF THE CROOKS LOOKS PRETTY BIG, BUT I'LL SHOW HIM WHAT THE WORD REALLY MEANS... BY GROWING TO GIANT SIZE!
PROCEED WITH ESCAPE PLAN!
THERE! BY INDUCING MASS FROM THE STARS, I'VE MADE THE STATUES SO HEAVY THE ARM CAN'T LIFT THEM! IT'S SNAPPING IN TWO!
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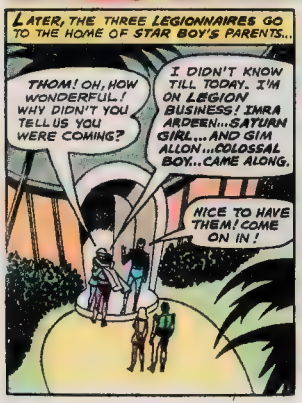
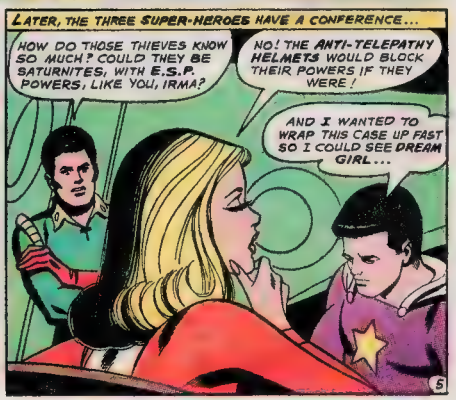
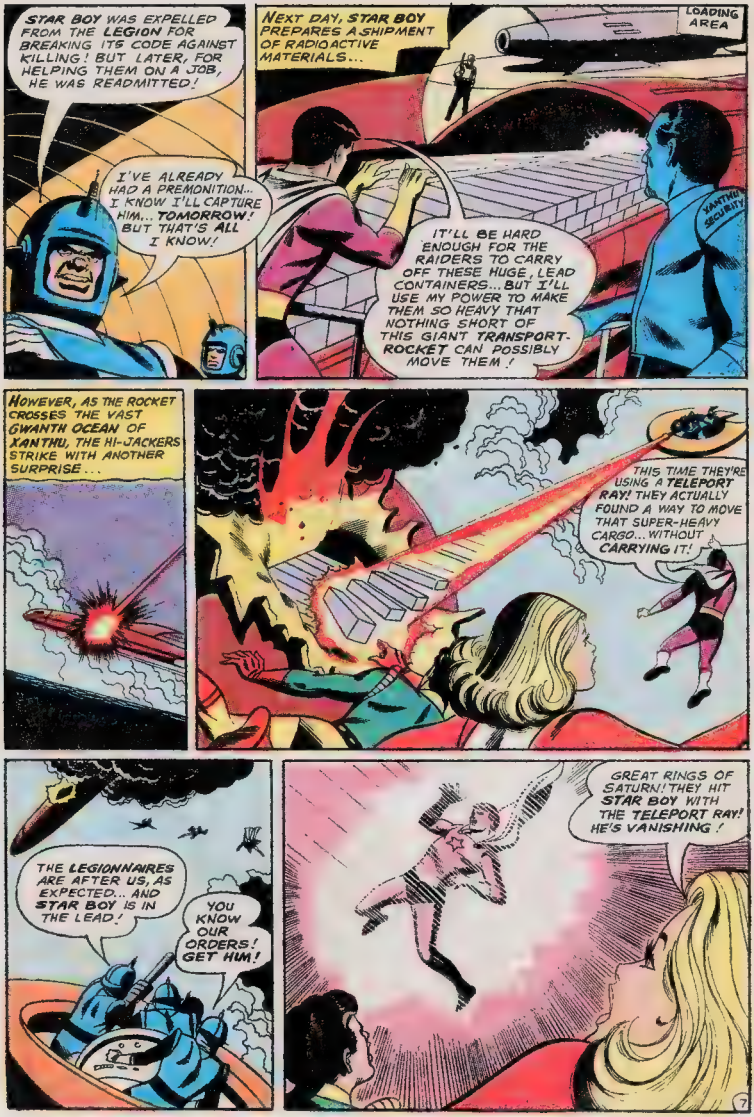
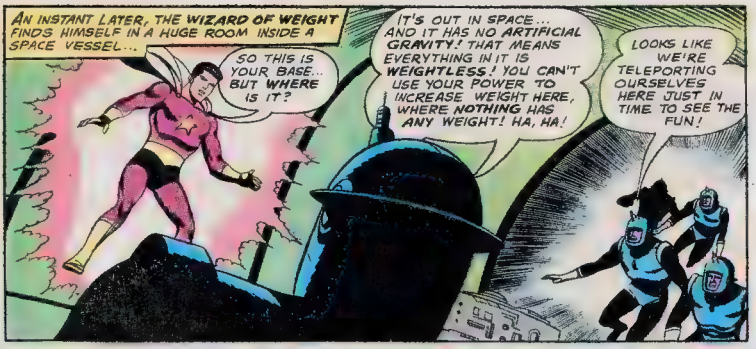
THAT'S IT! DREAM GIRL COMES FROM THE PLANET NALTOR, WHERE EVERYONE HAS DREAMS AND PREMONITIONS OF THE FUTURE! THE CROOKS MUST BE NALTORIANS! NO WONDER EVEN LAST MINUTE CHANGES DIDN'T STOP THEM, IF THEY'D ALREADY FORESEEN EXACTLY HOW THE SHIPMENTS WOULD BE MADE!
OF COURSE! THEY WERE READY FOR COLOSSAL BOY AND ME... BECAUSE THEY KNEW WE'D BE THERE!
BUT THEY DON'T ALWAYS SEE ALL THE DETAILS! THAT'S WHY I CAUGHT 'EM OFF GUARD AND SAVED THE LOOT!
SURE... BUT HOW DO WE CATCH CROOKS WHO CAN KNOW OUR PLANS BEFORE WE DREAM 'EM UP?
AND ABOARD A SPACESHIP, SOME DISTANCE FROM XANTHU...
YOU KNEW STAR BOY WOULD BE THERE! WHY'D YOU LET HIM FOUL UP OUR JOB?
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT HIM TO KNOW WHY I CAME TO XANTHU! I PLANNED TO LURE HIM HERE AND TRAP HIM... BECAUSE HE KILLED MY BROTHER!
"MY BROTHER, KENZ NUHOR, LOVED NURA NAL... DREAM GIRL! BECAUSE SHE PREFERRED STAR BOY, KENZ TRACKED HIM TO A WILD PLANET... "
YOUR FOOLISH EXPLORER FRIEND TRIED TO STOP ME! TOO BAD FOR HIM!
THAT WAS COLD-BLOODED MURDER!
"THEN STAR BOY TRIED TO USE HIS WEIGHT-INCREASING ABILITY TO MAKE KENZ SO HEAVY HE'D FALL, HELPLESS... "
I KNEW ABOUT YOUR POWER, BUT MY SPECIAL SHIELD IS REFLECTING IT RIGHT BACK AT YOU!
MY OWN REFLECTED SUPER-POWER IS HITTING ME! I'M SO HEAVY MY LEGS WON'T HOLD ME UP... FALLING...
"BUT AS KENZ MOVED IN FOR THE KILL, STAR BOY SNATCHED UP HIS DEAD FRIEND'S GUN, AND... "
AAARRR!!

CRASHING COMETS! THOSE HOODS TOOK OFF INTO THE ONE PART OF TOWN THAT'S FILLED WITH ELEVATED WALKS, STREETS AND MONORAILS! I'D TEAR UP THE PLACE IF I TRIED TO FOLLOW THEM!
AND WE COULD NEVER CATCH 'EM WITH OUR FLIGHT-RINGS!
AT LEAST YOU SAVED THE CARGO, THOM!


LATER, THE THREE LEGIONNAIRES GO TO THE HOME OF STAR BOY'S PARENTS...
THOM! OH, HOW WONDERFUL! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US YOU WERE COMING?
I DIDN'T KNOW TILL TODAY. I'M ON LEGION BUSINESS! IMRA ARDEEN...SATURN GIRL...AND GIM ALLON...COLOSSAL BOY...CAME ALONG.
NICE TO HAVE THEM! COME ON IN!

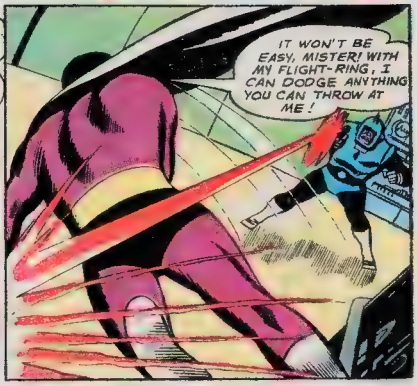

LATER, THE THREE SUPER-HEROES HAVE A CONFERENCE...
HOW DO THOSE THIEVES KNOW SO MUCH? COULD THEY BE SATURNITES, WITH E.S.P. POWERS, LIKE YOU, IRMA?
NO! THE ANTI-TELEPATHY HELMETS WOULD BLOCK THEIR POWERS IF THEY WERE!
AND I WANTED TO WRAP THIS CASE UP FAST SO I COULD SEE DREAM GIRL...


STAR BOY WAS EXPELLED FROM THE LEGION FOR BREAKING ITS CODE AGAINST KILLING! BUT LATER, FOR HELPING THEM ON A JOB, HE WAS READMITTED!
I'VE ALREADY HAD A PREMONITION... I KNOW I'LL CAPTURE HIM... TOMORROW! BUT THAT'S ALL I KNOW!
NEXT DAY, STAR BOY PREPARES A SHIPMENT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS...
LOADING AREA
XANTHU SECURITY
IT'LL BE HARD ENOUGH FOR THE RAIDERS TO CARRY OFF THESE HUGE, LEAD CONTAINERS... BUT I'LL USE MY POWER TO MAKE THEM SO HEAVY THAT NOTHING SHORT OF THIS GIANT TRANSPORT-ROCKET CAN POSSIBLY MOVE THEM!
HOWEVER, AS THE ROCKET CROSSES THE VAST GWANTH OCEAN OF XANTHU, THE HI-JACKERS STRIKE WITH ANOTHER SURPRISE...
THIS TIME THEY'RE USING A TELEPORT RAY! THEY ACTUALLY FOUND A WAY TO MOVE THAT SUPER-HEAVY CARGO... WITHOUT CARRYING IT!
THE LEGIONNAIRES ARE AFTER US, AS EXPECTED... AND STAR BOY IS IN THE LEAD!
YOU KNOW OUR ORDERS! GET HIM!
GREAT RINGS OF SATURN! THEY HIT STAR BOY WITH THE TELEPORT RAY! HE'S VANISHING!


AN INSTANT LATER, THE WIZARD OF WEIGHT FINDS HIMSELF IN A HUGE ROOM INSIDE A SPACE VESSEL...
SO THIS IS YOUR BASE... BUT WHERE IS IT?
IT'S OUT IN SPACE... AND IT HAS NO ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY! THAT MEANS EVERYTHING IN IT IS WEIGHTLESS! YOU CAN'T USE YOUR POWER TO INCREASE WEIGHT HERE, WHERE NOTHING HAS ANY WEIGHT! HA, HA!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE TELEPORTING OURSELVES HERE JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE FUN!

I'M YARK ALTHU! MY BROTHER WAS KENZ NUHOR... THE MAN YOU KILLED!* NOW THAT YOU'RE HELPLESS, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU WITH THE SAME KIND OF RAY-GUN YOU USED ON HIM!

*ON NALTOR, THERE ARE NO FAMILY NAMES; SO THE BROTHERS HAD DIFFERENT LAST NAMES. -- Ed.



...AND LAUNCH MYSELF RIGHT AT HIM! HE'S SO SURPRISED HE'S SHOOTING WILDER THAN A CROSS-EYED CARM-APE!
BUT...
I'M A LOT BIGGER THAN MY BROTHER, STAR BOY! AND YOU DON'T HAVE A WEAPON TO GUN ME DOWN WITH!
UNNNFFF!
YOU'LL BE SEEING STARS IN A MINUTE, STAR PUNK! HA, HA!
WHEW!! ANOTHER SECOND AND I'D HAVE BEEN SMEARED ON THE WALL! MY FLIGHT-RING TRAINING SURE CAME IN HANDY THAT TIME!
BUT YARK'S SO MASSIVE I COULDN'T BUDGE... GALLOPING GALAXIES! WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE BOTH WEIGHTLESS, I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED I CAN USE MY POWER AGAINST YARK... AND I WILL!

WH-WHAT'S WRONG HERE! WHY CAN'T I PULL THE TRIGGER? WHY, I CAN HARDLY HOLD THE GUN!
SURE! MY POWER IS TO INDUCE MASS! THE GUN LOOKS THE SAME; BUT IT'S MUCH MORE MASSIVE NOW... THE MOLECULES ARE SQUEEZED TOGETHER!
WEIGHT IS THE EFFECT OF GRAVITY ON MASS! AND EVEN IN A WEIGHTLESS CONDITION, MASS REMAINS THE SAME... AND JUST AS HARD TO MOVE! HA, HA!
SO YOU MADE MY GUN TOO MASSIVE TO HANDLE...BECAUSE I'M WEIGHTLESS, TOO! BUT I'LL AVENGE MY BROTHER IF I HAVE TO USE MY BARE HANDS!
IF YOU CAN USE THEM, YOU MEAN!
UHH! WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T SEEM TO MOVE FAST!
OF COURSE NOT! I MADE YOUR BODY SO MASSIVE YOUR MUSCLES CAN'T MANIPULATE IT!
GET HIM, BOYS! GET REVENGE FOR KENZ! STAR BOY CAN'T USE HIS POWER ON ALL OF YOU AT ONCE!
AT TIMES LIKE THIS, I WISH I WERE INVISIBLE KID, SO I COULD JUST DISAPPEAR!
RIGHT, BOSS!
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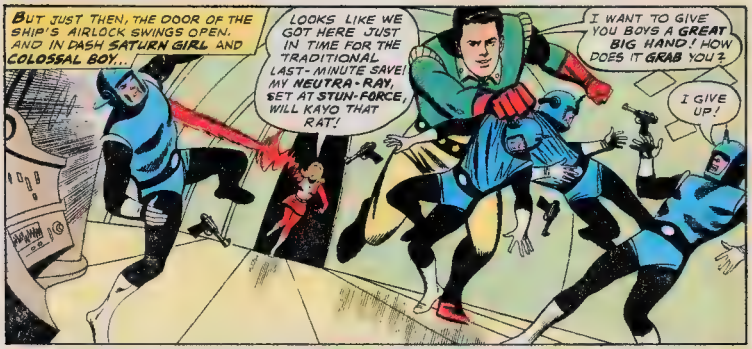
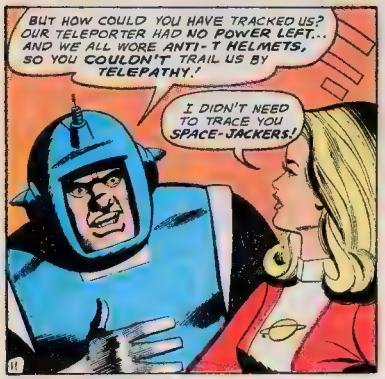

BUT JUST THEN, THE DOOR OF THE SHIP'S AIRLOCK SWINGS OPEN. AND IN DASH SATURN GIRL AND COLOSSAL BOY...
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME FOR THE TRADITIONAL LAST-MINUTE SAVE! MY NEUTRA-RAY, SET AT STUN-FORCE, WILL KAYO THAT RAT!
I WANT TO GIVE YOU BOYS A GREAT BIG HAND! HOW DOES IT GRAB YOU?
I GIVE UP!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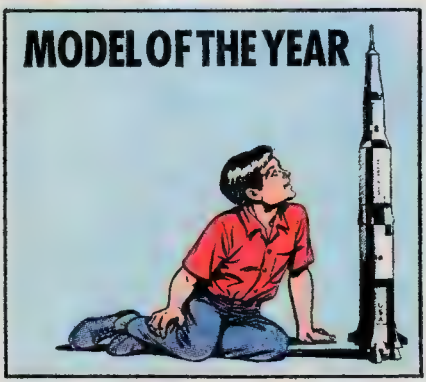

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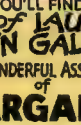

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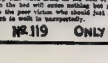

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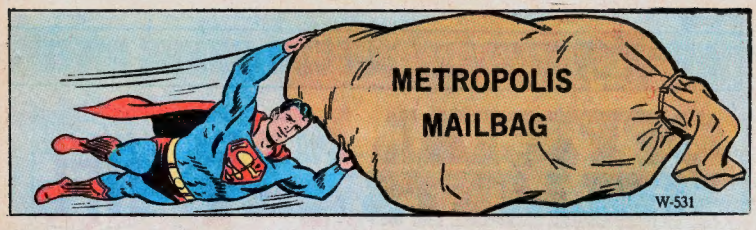

Dear Editor:

I feel I must sincerely apologize for ever thinking the new Legion series in ACTION would be a flop. "The Hapless Hero" was a masterpiece! Violet and Matter-Eater Lad's out-of-costume outfits were great; Duplicate Boy's new costume—ditto! The story line was really ingenious; the idea that even a Legionnaire could have problems of poverty was really original. Clever of you to have 10 Legionnaires and a guest-star in one story and yet only feature two.

—Paul Decker, Oconomowoc, Wis.

(Seldom has a story stirred as much comment as "The Hapless Hero." Here are a few more we received. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Well! A member of the Superman Family actually has a serious social problem. Unfortunately, it was cleared up too quickly. Not that I have anything against Matter-Eater Lad, but deep troubles make for interesting stories. Now, apparently, M-E Lad has been suffering for some time, but we readers never knew about it till now. Why can't Mr. Kem continue his gambling ways? It could lead up to some very interesting stories.

—Bernard G. Williams, San Pedro, Calif.

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Dear Editor:

Slums? In the 30th century? Well, why not? But when you put a Legionnaire in one, I nearly fainted! And to think M-E Lad is destined to grow up to be President of his home world (as revealed in an Adult Legion story)! Holy Abe Lincoln! Though I liked the idea of his dad being a gambler, be sure he reforms. That makes it a lot easier to believe M-E Lad will attain such a high office.

—Joe DeShon, Macon, Mo.

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Dear Editor:

Why was Duplicate Boy's uniform changed? New tailor? Or just a new artist? And can't you make up your mind(s) what his name is? In the last Adult Legion story, Shrinking Violet introduced her husband, Duplicate Man, as Ord Qelu. In "The Hapless Hero," she calls him Qued Orlu. Which is it?

—Linda Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah

(It's Qued Orlu; in the other story, Vi got her tongue twisted. The change in uniform was the writer's idea, endorsed by the editor and carried out by the artist. We all felt the most powerful hero in the universe needed a sharper outfit.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Why doesn't Superman reveal his secret identity to President Nixon? After all, he revealed it to President Kennedy in 1963, in ACTION 309.

—Mike Ropele, Irwin, Pa.

(That was a case of necessity. By revealing he was Clark Kent to one president, *Superman didn't intend to set a* precedent.*—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

Phantom Girl seems to be making a habit of getting caught in solid form and being clobbered. She has been caught thus three times within a year. If she were smart, she would dematerialize whenever a fight was imminent, and would only solidify those parts of her body that she had to use in the battle—for example, her hand when she wanted to hit somebody or use a weapon. If she did this, she would be almost impossible to catch.

—Leonard Philip Zinna, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(We're sure P.G. has the message. The one time she won't *dematerialize is when Ultra Boy kisses her. —Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

I know ACTION No. 400 is still some issues away, but I just had a great idea for it, and had to write you about it. I think you should devote the whole mag to the Legion. You could make it the Adult Legion, so Superman could still appear in it. Also, give us a rundown on the Legion members, plus a page featuring souvenir covers.

—Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(Well, it's certainly something to think about. We might even work in some other former ACTION heroes, like Zatara the Magician, Vigilante, Mr. America, Supergirl, Congo Bill and Tommy Tomorrow. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Arriving in 30th-century Metropolis, I asked a native if he could direct me to the Chamber of Commerce Building. He told me in full detail, "Grllg mbr rfrmnd st brtpwq, hgnv tnmx jkzdsm yllpyt, nb rjiilf mnwy xczqw." Seriously, it bothers me when people from the future speak perfect English. The main language of the 30th century should be Interlac, while English would be Earth's diplomatic language. And English in the future would be as different from ours as modern English is from that of Shakespeare's time.

—R. Hornsby, Seattle, Wash.

(But if we had the Legionnaires speaking Interlac and future English, we'd have to include subtitles so you readers could understand them. So we'll continue to publish their speech in 20th-century translation.—Ed.)

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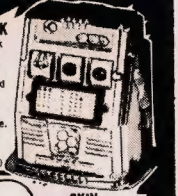

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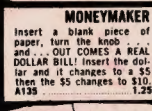

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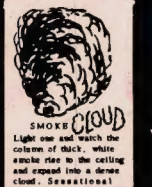

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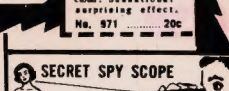

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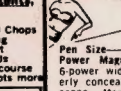

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